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acquisition before the solicitation is issued, including all line items and options.

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**PART 2426—OTHER
SOCIOECONOMIC PROGRAMS**

**Subpart 2426.70—Minority Business
Enterprises**

Sec.
2426.7001 Policy.
2426.7002 Responsibility.
2426.7003 Solicitation provision.

AUTHORITY: 40 U.S.C. 486(c); 42 U.S.C. 3535(d).

SOURCE: 53 FR 46536, Nov. 17, 1988, unless otherwise noted.

**Subpart 2426.70—Minority
Business Enterprises**

2426.7001 Policy.

It is the policy of the Department to foster and promote Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) participation in its procurement program, to the extent permitted by law and consistent with its primary mission. A "minority business enterprise" is a business which is at least 51 percent owned by one or more minority group members; or, in the case of a publicly-owned business, one in which at least 51 percent of its voting stock is owned by one or more minority group members, and whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more such individuals. For this purpose, minority group members are those groups of U.S. citizens found to be disadvantaged by the Small Business Administration pursuant to Section 8(d) of the Small Business Act.

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2426.7002 Responsibility.

The Director of the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) develops Departmental MBE plans and policies in accordance with Executive Orders 11625 and 12432 and by directive from the Secretary. He or she provides advice and guidance to the Secretary and Primary Organi-

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zation Heads on MBE functions, reviews and makes recommendations to the Secretary on MBE annual plans and goals, monitors and evaluates the Department's MBE program, and reports on MBE program performance to the Department of Commerce.

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2426.7003 Solicitation provision.

Contracting officers shall request all interested contractors, bidders, or offerors (including those responding to requests for quotations) to complete the certification at 2452.226-70, Certification of Status as a Minority Business Enterprise. Completion of this certification is voluntary and is not a condition of eligibility for contract award.

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**PART 2427—PATENTS, DATA, AND
COPYRIGHTS**

**Subpart 2427.3—Patent Rights Under
Government Contracts**

Sec.
2427.305 Administration of patent rights clauses.
2427.305-2 Follow-up by contractor.

AUTHORITY: Sec. 205(c) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 486(c)); sec. 7(d) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(d)).

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**Subpart 2427.3—Patent Rights
Under Government Contracts**

**2427.305 Administration of patent
rights clauses.**

2427.305-2 Follow-up by contractor.

(b) Contractor reports. Contractors shall complete and submit to the Contracting Officer HUD Form 770, Report of Inventions and Subcontracts, upon receipt of said form. The Contracting Officer shall send the form to those contractors whose contract work may have required the development of inventions upon physical completion of the contract.